

ELLEN OSBORN'S  
FASHION LETTER.Beautiful Gowns  
for the Teas and  
Dances of the  
December Debutantes.

Embroidered Evening Dress for a Young Girl.

Special Correspondence of *Intelligencer*.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—"Tut's a great belle," said the tall girl with the long braids of hair.

"Tut's a belle?" queried the matron, as if surprised. "Is Ruth out?"

"Yes, she's turned up her hair and let down her skirts; that means she's out, don't it?" said the tall girl a little scornfully. The tall girl is looking forward to colleges and has no taste for frivolities.

The tall girl's definition of being "out" means something. Two or three years ago it would have sounded rather primitive, but nowadays two things are true:

On the one hand the debutantes' teas and debutantes' dances are more numerous and more elaborate than ever before, and on the other hand more girls in all circles of society come out without any ostentatious festivities to mark their reception into the list of their mothers' friends.

With many people it has become a fad to dispense with the special tea or the special dance, but this does not make December one whit the less the debutantes' month, or diminish by one stitch or one thread of lace the importance of the debutante's wardrobe, which has become scarcely second in rank to that of the bride. Indeed, since first impressions are of most consequence, it might be argued that the debutante's outfit is the most important ever worn by a woman.

Since mid-November, therefore the dressmakers have been busy, and their efforts have been more largely directed than ever to the concoction of filmy, snowy robes. Miss Frederika Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seward Webb, whose debut occurs early in January, will make her bow in white, and so will her cousin, Miss Florence Vanderbilt Twombly. Miss Helen T. Barney, a niece of William C. Whitney, who made her first appearance a fortnight ago at the Junior Cotillon, was presented in white, as, indeed, have been a majority of the prettiest buds of the season.

For the material of these white frocks, whether of modern tea or more ambitious dance, mouseline, chiffon and crepe de Chine are as well liked as they have been for a long time.

At a crush tea given some days ago to introduce the pretty brunette daughter of a well known New York woman, the debutante's dress was of white cloth so closely perforated as to give the effect of a most beautiful lace, and worn over white mouseline de soie.



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That this dress was far more elaborate than a few years ago would have been thought appropriate for a girl of eighteen scarcely needs to be told.

The bodice of the frock comprised a bolero of the perforated cloth over a blouse of plaited mouseline. Mouseline plaiting, edged with tiny ruffles, was the finish around the foot of the skirt.

Another afternoon frock that has figured at a debutante's tea was also of white cloth and was cut after a Princess model, with the skirt and bodice in one. At the sides this dress somewhat resembled a polonaise, they being turned back to show a swathed front of the cloth, which was confined at the waist

by a narrow band of cloth of gold, and finished at the hem with a graduated frill of lace.

At the throat this dress was cut slightly low, with a lace yoke and lace undersleeves. There were swathed shoulder straps and hanging oversleeves of the cloth, fastened at each side of the front with a large rosette.

At the first Fortnightly Dance one of the debutantes whose first appearance it was at a large function wore a very simple evening dress of white point d'esprit. The skirt touched the ground all round, and was finished at the hem with several flounces of the net run through with white satin baby ribbon.

The gown has a graceful overskirt, which is bordered with an insertion of cream lace and decked with trailing vines of tiny pink ribbon roses. The underskirt is a billowy mass of pink chiffon frills, each frill outlined with a tiny ruche of pink baby ribbon. More frills tumbling over one another form the train.

Folds of crepe, lace and roses make the bodice a thing of real beauty. Many fetching evening gowns are black and white creations. One lovely model is a dress of white mouseline de soie, applied with black Chantilly and glittering with tiny silver paillettes. It is made over light weight white silk. The lace not only trims the bottom of the skirt, but extends up the front in a graceful vine.

Over the corsage is a drape of soft silk in pastel blue, and the silk also falls in soft puffs for the short sleeves. Quite a new material for evening blouses is a fine cream net, showing scattered butterflies of faintly tinted wings worked in very delicate silk applique.

Antique buttons of all sorts are much used on blouses. A charming example of the craze of the moment is an evening blouse in black silk gauze, with a corsel of black and gold embroidery. This is fastened with loops of black velvet baby ribbon, held in place by antique black and gold buttons.

Another model shows an evening blouse in pink Oriental satin, with instrumentation of black and gold sequins. The décolletage is outlined with loops of black velvet ribbon and wreaths of colored convolvuli.

Very few girls nowadays are satisfied with a toilet of such extreme simplicity; yet another dress that was seen at the same dance was scarcely more elaborate.

This second dress was of white crepe de Chine, with the skirt eased a bit on the hips to suit the slight, girlish figure and finished at the bottom with much lace and many frills.

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poached, over a white band and bow. Two insertions of lace were also passed around the bodice and run through with ribbon, which was tied in front.

There were no sleeves, but the tops of the arms were covered with frilled and swathed crepe de Chine falling from a strap of lace insertion and ribbon.

More in accord, perhaps, with the present-day rage for trimmings was an evening gown of fine cream-colored mouseline, elaborately tucked and gathered, and trimmed with an embroidered formed of garlands and trails of roses and rose foliage in very delicate shades of pink and green.

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palat shade of pink chiffon, tucked from the waist downward and edged with a deep lace flounce. Insertions of lace are arranged so as to form huge diamonds at the sides of the skirt, with the points at the back of the waist and near the hem.

The bodice is tucked from the décolletage, where it is finished with lace insertions, three straps of lace going over the shoulders. A tiny lace bolero is worn and the elbow sleeves are softened with lace frills.

Duchesses of shaded pink and blue convolvuli, connected by cords of black chenille, form one of the loveliest features of the dress, catching both skirt and bodice draperies.

Both for buds and for matrons many novel costumes are in preparation for the holiday festivities. One of the newest Directoire dresses that I have seen has an overskirt that is one mass of glittering jet embroidery, opening in front to show a wonderful petticoat of flame-colored chiffon, trimmed with wavy lines of embroidery that run from waist to feet.

Another pink dress of totally different design is fashioned of a delicate silky crepe over chiffon, this again mounted on pink satin.

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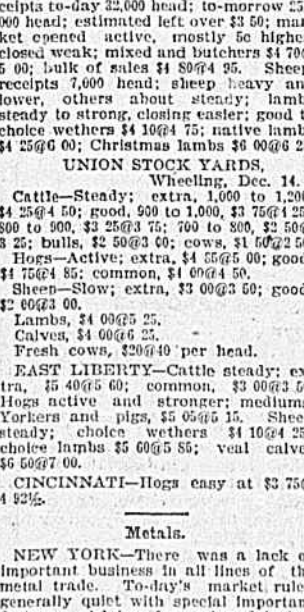
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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.  
EAGER DEMAND FOR STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Money on call steady at 4 1/2 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange slightly easier, with actual business of bankers' bills at \$4 1/4 for demand and at \$4 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates, \$1 1/4 for 30 days and \$1 1/2 for 60 days; commercial bills, \$1 1/4 for 30 days and \$1 1/2 for 60 days. Silver certificates, 64 1/2 cts. Bar silver, 64 1/2 cts. Mexican dollars, 50 1/2 cts. Government bonds steady. State bonds strong. Railroad bonds strong. The stock market to-day demonstrated again its astonishing resiliency and underlying absorptive power. The faith of capital in the intrinsic merits of securities and in the country's prosperity could not have been more strikingly demonstrated than by such a movement as to-day. Wall street has lived for some time past in an abounding confidence that the securities were bound to go up after the exigencies of the yearly settlements had been met, and the money supply replenished by a reflux of funds by disbursements of dividends and interest, but the large encroachment making on the money market has caused a haunting dread that prices in the stock market were liable to be toppled over by a squeeze in the money market and a forcing of speculative liquidation. It was not until late to-day that a solution of the market enigma was offered in intimations that the losses by the banks during the week, which are conclusively shown by the known movements of money, have been offset by a gain of over \$4,000,000 from some local source. This intimation, coming on top of a series of favorable developments threw the market in a state of belligerent animation and buoyancy. The eager buying demand came from all sources, professional buyers who were short of the market competing anxiously with the rampant bulls, who distributed their buying orders with a lavish hand all through the list.

The contrast was a striking one with conditions at the close last evening, when not even the phenomenal advance in the Erie stocks was able to overcome the unstaidness of the market over the palpable showing of the absorption by the sub-treasury of practically enough to completely wipe out

the surplus reserves of the banks. The misplaced confidence of bear operators in last night's selling movement was an important factor in emphasizing to-day's recovery. The full strength of the market was by no means manifest in the early dealings, although the outburst in the Wabash securities had a fortifying effect. The absorption of the Pennsylvania Coal Company in behalf of the anthracite group was a continuing influence and was helped by this morning's announcement of the accession of very important reports to the Erie board of directors. The effect was not directly manifest in the Erie stocks, which were reactionary on profit taking, but the clear evidence afforded of the persistent policy among the controlling interests of important railroads towards consolidation and extension of influence and representation in a dominating effect throughout the list. The coalers were first affected as being most immediately concerned and the movement spread to the Central Traffic connections of the trunk lines and to all minor or connecting railroads. The movement was a general one, but ownership could be tracked. It would be useless to try to specify or classify the final development of the movement as practically the whole market responded. Even the industries and specialties which hung back in the early dealings, recovered buoyantly to above last night's close. St. Paul rose nearly four points and a long list of railroad stocks advanced from 1 to 3 points. Just what in the source of the special movement of cash which has offset the weeks outgo to the sub-treasury is not definitely disclosed, but the belief is general that it is connected with the payment of the Standard Oil dividend, which was due to-morrow and which amounts to \$10,000,000.

The fact that Amalgamated Copper was almost alone in maintaining a weak tone did not seem to alter the supposition. The conviction that some of the most powerful of the industries in the country intended to foster easy conditions in the money market and the expectation of benefits next week from the payment of anticipated government interest were the final effective influences in the buoyant outburst which ended the day.

The bond market showed a large volume of dealings and prices advanced, the securities most notably effected being of the same companies as those in the stock market. Total sales par value \$5,330,000.

United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

## New York Stock Exchange Quotations.

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## Wheat, and Oats Lower; Corn and Provisions Higher.

CHICAGO—A holiday dullness ruled on 'Change to-day. Wheat closed 1/2 c lower. Corn 1/4 c higher; oats 1/2 c lower and provisions 2 1/2 c higher.

Wheat was a dull and uninteresting market, the proximity of the holiday season exerting its customary quieting influence over speculators. May opened unchanged to 1/2 c lower, at 73 1/2 c; the bull contingent having imbibed a bit of discouragement from the Liverpool market, which showed a shade less decline than did prices here yesterday. There was little demand for wheat, however, and during the forenoon, the market dropped to 73 c. At this figure, a commission house bought moderately probably for shorts who wanted to even up their trades for the Christmas cessation of business.

Near the end of the session the market ruled steady on a prospect of a visible surplus and May rallied to 73 1/2 c, which the market closed 1/2 c under yesterday. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 385,000 bushels. Primary receipts aggregated 187,000 bushels, compared with 187,000 bushels last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 461 cars, against 467 last week and 385 a year ago. Local receipts were 132 cars, thirty-four of contract grade. Exporters reported nineteen loads taken for export.

Corn was dull, finding only a narrow professional market. Light country offerings sustained prices, although the undertone was rather easy on favorable weather. Receipts were 374 cars. At this figure, a commission house bought moderately probably for shorts who wanted to even up their trades for the Christmas cessation of business.

Oats ruled extremely dull, with the tone center in sympathy with wheat. May sold between 23 1/2 c and 23 c, and closed 1/4 c higher at 23 c. May ranged between 23 1/2 c and 23 c, and closed 1/4 c higher at 23 c.

Provisions were dull and steady, prices being maintained chiefly by a heavy foreign demand. December pork sold between 12 1/2 c and 12 c and closed 1/2 c higher at 12 1/2 c. January pork sold between 12 1/2 c and 12 c and closed 1/2 c higher at 12 1/2 c.

Butter was dull and steady, prices being maintained chiefly by a heavy foreign demand. December butter sold between 12 1/2 c and 12 c and closed 1/2 c higher at 12 1/2 c. January butter sold between 12 1/2 c and 12 c and closed 1/2 c higher at 12 1/2 c.

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hands prices are maintained. Linsens are firm but quiet. Burlaps scarce and demand improving.

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